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12/17/75

Dear Ag,

Thanks for the information on the Delphos Tri-County Fair token

I'll accept your offer of \$7⁵⁰ for the Model Shows of America token, and I'm enclosing the token. Thanks.

I don't collect circus or carnival tokens, but I am interested in them. A checklist or catalogue of such tokens is a good idea.

This year I visited 2 fairs held very near where I live, especially to see if tokens were in use there. One was a couple of months ago - an international fair celebrating Santa Monica's 100th Anniv - held at Santa Monica Airport. No tokens. The other was the Mar Vista Carnival, put on by Kemsley Shows, around the 4th of July - no tokens; they used paper ticket coupons. I obtained a nice poster advertising the Mar Vista Carnival - from a telephone pole - hundreds were posted in the area. The poster is more impressive than the show was, as it (the show) was small + flimsy.

Have a happy holiday season.

Regards,
Steve Alpert

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5 December 16, 1975
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7 Dear Steve:

8 I have your latest letter with the two
9 rubbings.

10 First, the Delphos Tri County Fair token.
11 Am not familiar with this name, and have gone
12 through my listing of circus and carnivals and
13 find no listing of Delphos. However, I believe
14 it to be Delphos, Ohio. If you will look on a
15 map of Ohio (in the top right hand corner of the
16 map) you will find Delphos right at the inter-
17 section of 3 counties, Van Wert, Allen and
18 Putnam. This type of fair was common in the
19 mid west in the 20s and 30s, and many times more
20 than one county participated in it rather than
21 having a one-county fair as we do out in the west.

22 With regard to the Model Shows of America,
23 that was one of the larger carnivals in the 30s.
24 I will offer \$7.50 for it, even though I do have
25 a copy of it: I try to pick up all circus tokens
I can with the idea of some day making a checklist
of such tokens.

Anything else I can do, just let me know.

Regards,



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ONE OF THE
LARGEST SHOWS
1931-1933

Dec. 9, 1975

Dear Mr. Wahlberg,

Thanks for the rubbing of the Dee Lang token.

Possibly you can help me on a couple of tokens (see enclosed rubbings). First, do you know what state the Delphos Tri-County Fair token is from? I'm not certain if county fair tokens are part of, or considered to be, carnival or circus tokens. I'll be listing this piece in my next amusement catalogue supplement (I list only those fair tokens that say they are good for amusement games or at booths or for a good time).

Secondly, is the "Model Shows of America" token a carnival or circus token? If you are interested, I'd be willing to sell this token - make an offer.

Regards,
Steve Alpert

One of the larger amusement shows of the 30s

1931-33

January 6, 1976

Dear Steve:

Got back from our cruise the end of December, also with a slight touch of Mexican flu which has laid me up this past week recuperating. But feel fine now and am talking my mail, which has piled up.

Your token arrived in my absence, and I thank you for it.

Regarding the use of tokens at present day carnivals, I don't think many, if any, use them. They are rather expensive for these people, and do require some time in keeping track of them, etc. which does not make them attractive.

Am glad you are interested in such tokens, as they are related to your amusement tokens. By the way, a great many carnivals in the past did use the name "Amusement" in their company name and no doubt some did use tokens. I do not know of any, but that doesn't mean there aren't any. If interested, will Xerox some pages of such companies with the word "Amusement" in them, and it may be that you will run across some.

Have a nice year in 1976.

Regards,

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Dear Mr. Wahldberg,

Thanks for the information on the
Dee Lang's Famous Shows token, listed in
my Amusement Token Supplement Catalogue.

I do not know the size, shape, or if there's
a hole, of the token. If you could provide me
with this information, I'd like to include it in
the next supplement. I'd also appreciate a
rubbing if possible, and also your opinion of the value of
this token. I have never seen one.

Regards
Steve

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5 December 5, 1975

6 Dear Mr. Alpert:

7 In response to your request am enclosing
8 herewith a rubbing (with size and metal) of the
9 token of Dee Lang's Famous Shows. As you can see,
it has no hole in it, made made or otherwise.

10 Regarding my opinion of its value, I paid
11 \$15.00 for it at a mail auction early this year.
12 I know of two other collectors that have a copy.
Of course, the source of your information would
make a total of four known, counting mine.

13 Circus and/or carnival tokens are much sought
14 after and do not often show up at sales or coin
shows. My opinion (and what I would pay) of the
value is in the range of \$15.00 to \$25.00.

15 Should you have any further questions, would
16 be glad to try to accommodate.

17 Regards,
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